

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above-identified amendment prior to issuance of the above-identified patent application. Note that this patent application was filed prior to November 29, 2000. Accordingly, the amendment is timely filed. Also enclosed is the fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) to perfect a claim for priority after an issue fee has been paid for applications filed before November 29, 2000. Please note that this amendment reflects the claim for priority mentioned in the declaration and power of attorney of record.

The current filing receipt only shows the claim for priority to the Japanese patent application, but not to the international PCT patent application. Accordingly, a corrected filing receipt is requested. In the event that there is any question in this regard, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

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